

VOTER REGISTRATION

We'll have voter registration forms for any person 16 or older who would like to register to vote, we'll even mail in the forms!

The contact teacher is responsible for coordinating the election with other participating teachers, providing an accurate list of candidate names and/or issues to vote on, and providing the City Clerk staff with a class schedule for classes participating in the program.



“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

GOALS:

- Increase understanding of the voting process (registering to vote, showing up at the polls, and being an informative voter)
- Promote a discussion of issues and candidates
- Encourage participation in future local, state and federal elections.
- Instill the importance of municipal elections by emulating City of Long Beach elections as closely as possible

CONSIDER:

Through an interactive experience, mock elections answer questions such as: What is the election process? Who can vote? How do I register to vote? How do I vote? What happens at the polls? With these answers, students will have a better understanding of how to effectively participate in the democratic process.

Every voice matters, one vote can make a difference!



Invite us over!

We'll bring everything you need:

(562)570-6101

LBVOTES!

Student Outreach Program



MOCK ELECTIONS



*For your school
or community program*



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

PLANNING YOUR MOCK ELECTION

LBVotes! is available year-round to all Long Beach elementary, middle, and high schools; as well as, LBCC, CSULB, and community groups. The program is tailored for different age groups to provide an age-appropriate voting experience for all students. Whether it be for student council, homecoming, or student issues, we can provide the services to make it a successful election for your students. City Clerk staff can visit classrooms or can arrange for students to visit City Hall. For more information contact the City of Long Beach City Clerk staff at (562)570-6101 or CC-CityClerkDepartment@longbeach.gov.



Mission

The LBVotes! Program aims to increase future voter turnout by teaching students of all ages the importance of expressing themselves through responsible and informative voting.



WHAT DAY WORKS?

As soon as possible, determine when the best time is to hold your election.*

Are you filling seats on the Student Council for the current school year, or electing class officers for the next school year?

Will the entire school be voting or just particular classes?



All candidate names, ballot measures/issues, and class rosters must be provided at least 1 week prior to the actual election.

HOW TO PREPARE

Have your candidates make campaign speeches to those who will be voting. Incorporate history, government, speech writing, and more for an educational project that will engage future voters in the electoral process. Our goal is to make the election informative, fun, and as close to the actual voting experience as possible.

If you don't have student elections to decide, we can put together a ballot of local, state, or federal candidates who are running for office.

Long Beach City Clerk staff will come to your classroom to discuss the voting process, explain how to cast the ballot, provide election supplies, and a brief Q&A.

The entire process per class takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

HOW MUCH?

The program is provided as a free service to the community.

*Please note that we can not provide election services 30 days prior or 30 days after an official election in Long Beach.

MOCK ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD FOR NUMEROUS EVENTS

- Student Council
- Homecoming
- Current Issues (i.e. school uniforms, lunches, programs, etc.)
- Class Officers
- Prom
- Dance Themes
- And more!

If there is a current event or legislative issue making the news, you can give your students the opportunity to debate and vote on the issue.

Up to five questions can be included on the ballot for your students to vote on.

HOW WILL THE VOTING PROCESS WORK?

City Clerk staff will create and print ballots based upon the list of candidates and questions provided. The ballots will be on actual ballots used for the City of Long Beach elections. Actual voting equipment used in the City of Long Beach elections will be used.

Class rosters can be used as election day voter registration rolls or you may create your own voter registration cards. Each student will be given time to sign in at the voter registration tables and pick up their ballots.

Students are designated various roles, including City Clerk and poll workers.

The students will go to the polls, sign the roster, mark, and cast their ballot using an actual City of Long Beach voting booth.

City Clerk staff, with assistance from students, will tally and announce the results.